



# Sutton Park School Newsletter – 5 Feb. 2025

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**Nga mihi, mālō e lelei, talofa lava, kia orana, bula, namaste, talofa ni, fakalofa lahi atu, sabiadee, ola, bonjour, ni hao, welcome, konichi wa, আবে**

**Term 1, Week 2 Wednesday 5 February 2025**

**Term 1 Theme: Whanaungatanga**

**Term 1 Values: Identity & Respect**

## Welcome back to 2025

Nau mai, haere mai to all our students and staff for another year of great learning. I want to welcome all our new students and their families to Sutton Park School. I hope our new students have settled in well so far. We still have a small number of students who have not returned to school and I hope that they will be returning as soon as possible. We had a very good turnout of new families at our school powhiri last week and I want to thank the students who led the powhiri and spoke on behalf of our school. Nga mihi nui ki a koutou.



Above: Rumaki Reo and senior Maori students leading the Powhiri last week.

## Te Tiriti o Waitangi

A reminder that there no school tomorrow. It is Waitangi Day. Our classes have been learning about Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the importance of tomorrow. We all need to know and understand Waitangi Day. It is not a holiday, it is a day of remembrance and the challenges of the Maori people. Ask your child/ren at home what they have learnt so far about Waitangi Day and Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Any understanding of this historical day or event by our children is amazing.



## Attendance

This is the Government's focus this year and as a school, we are going to do our very best to ensure all our students attend school every day. This cannot be done unless we get your full support and this is simply by bringing your child/ren to school every day. If they are sick, they need to present a medical certificate and you need to make contact with the school immediately.

## School Lunches 2025

It has not been a good start to the school year for our new school lunches programme. I apologise to all our parents and especially our children for not having school lunches for 2 days. I hope that today we will have better communication as to when our school lunches will be delivered. In the meantime, until the school lunches programme have sorted their organisation out, I kindly ask that you pack small lunch for your child/ren.

## 2025 Term Dates:

Term 1 Wednesday 29th January 2025 - Friday 11th April

Term 2 Monday 28th April - Friday 27th June

Term 3 Monday 14th July - Friday 19th September

Term 4 Monday 6th October - Friday 12th December

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**Term 1 Dates -please add to your diary or calendar**

### Week 2:

Today: Talanoa Ako (Tongan) at 4.30pm

Thurs. 6 Feb: Waitangi Day – School Closed

### Week 3: Assessment Week

Mon. 10 Feb: Y7&Y8 Camp (PTO for more info)

Tues. 11 Feb: Y7&Y8 Camp

Wed. 12 Feb: Y7&Y8 Camp

: Rumaki Whanau hui 4pm

Thurs. 13 Feb: Road Patrol Training with Constable Mo

: Mr Whippy for best attendance

: Talanoa Ako at 4.30pm

### Week 4: Assessment Week

Wed. 19 Feb: Community Fono from 4.30pm

Thurs. 20 Feb: Gardasil 9 Talk & Boostrix talanoa (Atea)

: Talanoa Ako 4.30pm

Friday 21 Feb : Mr Whippy for best attendance

## Theme for Term 1 - Whanaungatanga

### School values - Identity & Respect

This is our theme for this term. Whanaungatanga means 'relationship, kinship, sense of family connection' - a relationship through shared experiences and working together which provides people with a sense of belonging. It develops as a result of kinship rights and obligations, which also serve to strengthen each member of the kin group. It also extends to others to whom one develops a close familial, friendship or reciprocal relationship.

Different aspects of whanaungatanga will be discussed in the different syndicates and it is extremely important that all our children have an understanding of whanaungatanga. Knowledge and connections of this theme can be drawn from students' own ethnic and cultural understanding of whanaungatanga.

We promote all our school values every day and the values that are aligned nicely to whanaungatanga are identity & respect.

## School Uniform

Uniforms for junior and seniors students need to be correct:

Black socks only - No jandals or crocs.

Hats are to be worn this term when outside.

## Camp on Monday

1. Report to school - 8.45am latest

2. Departure from school - 9.30am

3. Contact numbers:

- Child's own teacher if preferred

- Mrs Taufalele (021 157 0320)

- Mrs Sanirive (021 083 79926)

- Mr Katafono ( 021 0286 9152)

## Welcome to our new Staff Members

R20 Teacher - Ms Malama Langoia

R21 Teacher - Miss Fa'afou

Teacher Assistants: Tamirah Setefano, Uililose Taufalele and Kasileta Kalolo.

Vaitimu Togi Lemanu, Principal



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## New Entrant Enrolments and Transitioning

Students turning 5 / new entrants **must** have a transition before starting school.

- Week 3 - Intake 1 - From Mon Feb 10
- Week 4 - Monday - Wed 17 Feb-19 Feb (transitioning) 9am-11am
- Week 5 - Intake 2 - From Mon 24 Feb
- Week 6 - Monday - Wed 3 Mar - 5 Mar (transitioning) 9am-11am
- Week 7 - Intake 3 -From Mon 10 March
- Week 8 - Monday - Wed 17 Mar.- 19 Mar (transitioning) 9am-11am
- Week 9 - Intake 4 -From Mon 24 March
- Week 10 - Monday - Wed 7 Apr- 9 Apr (transitioning) 9am-11am

## Birthdays last week...

Teraupa R11, Bill R15, Vassylia R11A, Kearlene R2, Souvenir R16, Tototaha R5, Logan R20, Myron R20 and Kayden R11A



## and this week and next...

- Yesterday: Uiki R6B
- Today: Sami R13A
- Tomorrow: Lyden R10, Taufu R9, Samuel R11A, Jerusalem R16, Breezy-Dream R1
- Friday: Mele R8
- Sunday: Melefinau R9A
- Tuesday: Charles R9

## PE Shirts for Y7&8

We have sizes XL, 2XL, 3XL and 4XL available for sale. \$22 each from the school office. Until we have all sizes available, students to wear a plain t-shirt for sport/PE so their uniform stays clean and safe.

## Welcome to our New Students

- R2: Leroy, Junior, Luke and Henzlee
  - R4: Lydia, Pisila, Serenity Lola, Saulala, Nida and Uaite
  - R5: Mack, Lakelynn and Rosevalu
  - R6B: Atelaite, Pita, Meleana, Uiki and Sosina
  - R8: Ana                      R9 Sophie                      R9A: Tuipulotu and Milo
  - R10: Darion                      R11: Zariah, Teraupa and Izaiyah
  - R13A: Sami and Toepou-O-Pouono
  - R13B: Luisa and Cyrus                      R14: Dayton
  - R15: Lokame and Nessa
  - R18: Malakai, Elroi-Avele and Mirilei
  - R20: Etene, Zavier and Kanoa                      R21: Putua
  - R24: InaLei                      R25: Sebs, Genesis and Jayden
- We hope your learning journey at SPS leads to great things!



Above: The powhiri and first assembly of 2025.

## Camp Payments – Thank you to those who have already paid.

Full cost is \$100 per student. This can be paid in smaller instalments.

Payments can be made in the office by Eftpos or cash, or via bank transfer: ASB: 12 3079 0198868 00

Please use child's name and Camp25 as references.

## Awhina group

Please contact our Awhina Team if you or your children need any support to attend school, (i.e. uniform, stationery). The contact email for this group is:

[awhimaiawhiatu@suttonpark.school.nz](mailto:awhimaiawhiatu@suttonpark.school.nz)

## Contact details

If any of your contact details have changed, please let the office know (addresses, phone numbers etc.)

## SWiS - Social Worker In School

This is one of the services that really helps out our families. Our SWiS worker (Eunice) is able to help families who are struggling, she can also direct you to where you need to go for further assistance. Please connect with her via email: [Eunice@mefsc.org.nz](mailto:Eunice@mefsc.org.nz) or Ph: 021 417 321

## Mobile phones

Just a reminder to our parents that we have a mobile phone policy that has been mandated by the government. No student should be carrying around a mobile phone at school. **All mobile phones should be handed into the office in the morning and picked up after school.**

## Before and After School Care

We no longer have SKiDS operating at Sutton Park School. If you need child supervision, you can contact them as they are running from Robertson Road School. See below for other providers that offer after school care services.

SKiDS: 0800 274 172

Good Seeds Mangere: (09) 275 1065

Mangere East Community Centre: (09) 275-6161

## Community Fono

**ALL PARENTS MUST ATTEND OUR FIRST COMMUNITY FONDO FOR 2025**

**When: Wednesday 19th February 2025**

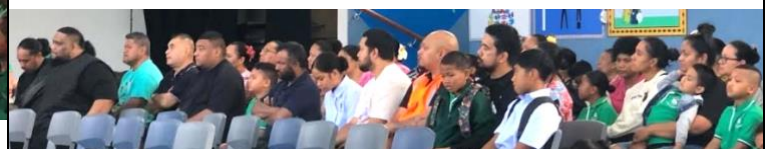
**Time: 5:00pm**

**Venue: School hall**

**Free sausage sizzle @ 4:30pm**

**8 x \$50.00 grocery vouchers to be won at the end of the community fono**

We will be sharing important information about our strategic goals for 2025 - we want to hear your voice to finalise our strategic goals. We will be looking at our annual planning, our targets for this year and any other information that you all need to know for Term 1.



Above: Some of the new families and staff at the powhiri last week.



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